

WHAT OTHERS SAY

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION AND LITIGATION

“Engineers and probably lawyers will appreciate the book’s refreshing review of elements of aerodynamics, structural design, power plants and aircraft control techniques as well as nuances of Applicable law. The appendix alone is a learning experience. This book should be considered a post graduate guide for the hardware oriented aircraft accident investigator, especially the sections on human errors and human factors. I wish I had this compendium during the early years of my professional experience.”

Jerome Lederer,
First Director of Safety CAB
NASA director of Safety during Apollo
President Emeritus –Flight Safety Foundation

Aircraft Accident Reconstruction and Litigation provides useful tools for the practitioner in aviation law. There is a wealth of material on numerous aviation technical and legal subjects, and it is useful to have all of this in one convenient place.

By: Lee Kreindler, Esq. New York, NY, - December 1, 1997

Many times I have cases referred to me considered, by the referring attorney, to be hopeless. They have been handled (mishandled) because the attorney did not have an adequate background in aviation accident litigation. Many of these hopeless cases turned out to be cases of considerable merit. Aircraft Accident Reconstruction and Litigation should be at the right hand of every lawyer, both inexperienced and experience who would attempt to handle aviation litigation. Even the most experienced aviation litigation specialists do not have the wealth of knowledge contained in this text.

By: Daniel C. Cathcart, Esq. Los Angeles, CA, - June 15,1996

“Mike Papadakis...who... I believe him to be the finest investigator of aircraft accidents in America and maybe the world. His reputation among people who do what I do is [that] he is very creative and very knowledgeable about why airplanes crash”

Wayne Fisher, March 15, 1989. Past president TTLA, Past President IATL, Past president State Bar of Texas.

“The most creative, analytical, resourceful and imaginative mind in the field of aviation litigation is M.P. Papadakis. ...I have seen him dissect the materials and evidence from aviation crash cases better by far than anyone else in his field. His uncanny ability to focus on the task at hand in the investigation and litigation of an aviation crash or disaster makes him the best - the pace setter in his field. His ability to articulate his approach and method will help any reader steer a more direct course towards victory for the client.”

John F. Romano, P.A. West Palm Beach, FL, - May 1, 1997

“Pappy (M. P. Papadakis) and I go back twenty years plus in aviation litigation. He has taught me a great deal on these matters, and still answers my questions on these issues when I seek advice”

Bob Gibbins, September 26, 1989
Past President A.T.L.A.

“Despite the military contract defense imposed by Boyle: Pappy and I have successfully resolved complex military air crash cases. Tenacious investigation and discovery was the key to success.”

Howard Acosta, February 6, 1992 Florida trial attorney

Aviation accident litigation is one of the most complex and difficult areas of the law in which to litigate successfully. The key to this success is a complete and timely investigation. The authors reveal how to proceed in this specialized arena. I recommend the text as first reading on the subject of aircraft investigation techniques.

Bob Begam, Former President of ATLA, - February 1, 1997

Aircraft Accident Reconstruction and Litigation provides a sound introduction to the considerations that must go into aircraft accident causation analysis and litigation... What the work accomplishes most notably is to sort out the complex considerations that comprise the accident in a way that would educate the attorney in understanding the evidence and forging the appropriate theory of the case. In so doing, the work serves as a valuable aid in relaying the results of aircraft accident analysis, as evidence of causation, to a jury.. **Transportation Law Journal - January 1, 2003**

Lawyers and engineers must link their work when they set about untangling plane wreckage, and this compendium supports the search for probable causes and the examination of legal aspects. Coverage includes the elements of aerodynamics, structural design, powerplants, and aircraft control techniques as well as the specifics of investigative techniques and the nuances of law, such as product liability and negligence. A substantial appendices section (over 120 pages) presents such material as a glossary of aviation terms, sample contracts and petitions, a civil aviation case checklist for general aviation and commercial air crashes, FAA enforcement actions, manufacturers' safety and quality control programs, safety audits, and a comparison of the effectiveness of charts and graphs with that of computer-generated video in the presentation of data. Authors are seasoned engineers in the field, and their work is fleshed out by contributions from a distinguished cast of legal experts. **Book News Inc. - March 1, 2004**

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LEE KRIENDLER, New York, NY

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Dan Cathcart, Los Angeles, CA

CIVIL TRIAL PRACTICE...WINNING TECHNIQUES

"The text provides an advanced source of legal tactics, strategies and helpful hints for the attorney... This work should be especially helpful to those embarking upon a trial career. It should be required reading for young trial lawyers and new associates."

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